

That the Prime Minister discharge Pitfield forthwith, thereby paying fitting tribute to many years of investigation by the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville, the late Tom Cossitt.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

ROLE OF OFFICIAL OPPOSITION WHIP—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Burghardt (London West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. According to recent reports many members of the Conservative caucus are not familiar with certain aspects of their caucus policy and the Tory whip is having difficulties with some of his members. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for London-Middlesex (Mr. Bloomfield):

That this House request the Liberal whip, the hon. member for London East—
And incidentally, the greatest whip ever.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Burghardt:

—to provide tutorials for the Tory whip in order to help him keep track of his fellow members and to get the Tories into the House when they are called.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PRESS REPORTS ON APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to draw to the attention of this House unimpeachable press reports that the Hon. Jack Horner will soon be appointed to the position of Chairman of CN Railways with a salary in excess of \$90,000 per annum. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Mackasey):

That Canadians be made aware that:

Liberal Jack Horner
Is out of his corner
Collecting his spoil and debt.
He says with a grin
(Over a double-tracked chin)
"Oh, what a nice plum to get!"

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Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Comox-Powell River.

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HEALTH CARE

CUTBACKS IN SERVICE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, pursuant to Standing Order 43. Government spending cuts are severely threatening health care in British Columbia and hospitals are faced with closing down 1,200 beds and laying off 3,000 employees to make up a \$100 million financing shortage. Whereas the federal government provides funding for half the cost of health care services and hospitals in the Vancouver area, Penticton, Kamloops, Cranbrook, Kelowna, Vernon, Chilliwack, Surrey and White Rock, which are now threatened with cutbacks; whereas the B.C. government's austerity drive will only lead to further reductions in health care facilities and increase the 12,000 British Columbians already on waiting lists for elective surgery; and whereas the federal government has an obligation to maintain proper health care, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson):

That this House condemn the health care cuts in British Columbia and demand that the Minister of National Health and Welfare provide funding to prevent further budget slashes.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

RESIGNATION OF FORMER SENATOR FROM LIBERAL PARTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, whereas former senator Eugene Forsey, a man renowned for his integrity and understanding of public policy, has turned in and ripped up his Liberal membership card, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That this House congratulates the hon. gentleman on his perspicacity and hopes that his action will set an example to all Canadians who are generally interested in the future of the nation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!